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Commissioners  
Arizona Corporation Commission

Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

Docket Number: E-01345A-16-0036 + E-01345A-16-0123

I am writing to urge you to say no to the proposed APS rate hike. It is very unfair to charge higher rates for the entire month for occasional use during peak periods. That would mean for example, if you want to cook a birthday dinner, lower the a/c for an elderly or ill guest visiting, or run an emergency load of laundry, your power bill could become unaffordable! I have no problem paying peak rates, when we are using it. We already try to follow the off peak hours and use solar panels to reduce our demand for peak electricity. Please protect Arizona citizens and vote against this bill!

As an APS customer, the need for APS to invest in costly generation, transmission and distribution is reduced when I reduce my electricity use. However, if APS increases its monthly fixed fee, consumers who work hard to conserve energy and be more energy efficient can't do anything to reduce that fee. That isn't fair. Please oppose any increase to the basic service charge.

Please also vote no on mandatory residential demand charges. I appreciate that the Commission did not approve these charges in its recent decisions on the UNS Electric and TEP rate cases. Please continue that trend. Charging consumers for the maximum amount of demand used in only one hour of the month is likely to increase what consumers pay each month and decrease incentives to reduce energy use.

Please say no to unfair utility charges.

Sincerely,

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